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# THE DIDSBURY REVIEW

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## Didsbury man dies in accident

by Tamara Collins

A Didsbury man was killed and four others injured after an early morning rollover on Saturday.

David Meston, age 47, of Didsbury, and four other passengers, also from Didsbury, were driving west-bound on Hwy 1A, when the vehicle approached the Morley Church. Meston lost control of the vehicle, which then crossed the median, went up an embankment

and rolled several times before finally stopping at the bottom of a gully.

According to Cst. Ray Lucko of the Cochrane RCMP, Meston was ejected from the vehicle and killed on impact. Meston was not wearing his seatbelt, the other four passengers were and escaped with minor injuries.

Road conditions were a factor in the accident, they were very icy and covered in snow.

## Accused in "shaken baby" case released on bail

by Dan Singleton

A 21-year-old Red Deer man facing numerous charges in a "shaken baby" incident that caused a 17-month-old girl brain damage and other injuries has been released on bail.

John Pierre Vachon was charged Nov. 12 with aggravated assault, failing to provide the necessities of life, and criminal negligence causing bodily harm. On Dec. 8 he was further charged with two counts of failing to comply with bail conditions.

During a court appearance Monday, Crown prosecutor Danny Elliott called on Judge Frank Maloney to order the accused detained.

Elliott said the accused "willfully shook the baby in a conscious effort to get back at the girlfriend (and mother of the child)."

The victim suffered a broken leg in two places, possible permanent injury to one eye, and possible permanent brain damage, he said.

"This is probably the

most severe shaken baby case I've seen in 25 years," said Elliott.

Judge Maloney released Vachon on the condition that he report once a week to Red Deer RCMP.

The failing to comply charges were laid last week after the accused allegedly failed to live up to earlier bail condition that he report to police by telephone.

During a court appearance Dec. 8, as he was being led from the courtroom on the new charges, the mother of the child confronted him.

"You hurt my baby," she shouted.

Vachon was held in custody over the weekend pending Monday's court appearance.

Police began an investigation in the case after receiving information from Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary on Oct. 16.

The child was under the care of the accused when she was allegedly assaulted on two separate occasions prior to that date, said Elliott.



Tree Of Hope

photo by Tamara Collins

On Dec. 5th Didsbury residents gathered around the Tree Of Hope to celebrate its first lighting this season. Every year local residents fill the tree with names of loved ones they have lost, or of people they would like to wish a Merry Christmas to.

The accused was the boyfriend of the mother at the time, he said.

Shaken baby syndrome is a collection of injuries caused by severe shaking of an infant.

The child has been re-

leased from hospital and is receiving treatment, said Didsbury RCMP Cpl. Conal Archer.

Following Monday's court appearance, the child's grandfather, who asked not to be named, said he was not pleased Vachon has

been released.

"That upsets me very much," he said.

Aggravated assault carries a maximum penalty of 14 years imprisonment.

Vachon was ordered to be back in court on Jan. 17.

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# NEWS

## IN THE COURTS

# Woman offered officer \$1,000

### **Woman offered officer \$1,000**

A 35-year-old Calgary woman who offered an Olds RCMP \$1,000 to make a drug charge go away has been fined.

Jeanneine E. Bergeson pleaded guilty on Dec. 6 to a charge of attempting to obstruct a peace officer and possession of a controlled substance.

The accused was confronted by police in her vehicle in the Olds Boston Pizza restaurant parking lot on March 7, court heard.

The officer smelled marijuana in the vehicle and a subsequent search uncovered a small amount of the drug.

The accused then offered the officer \$1,000 to "make the whole mess go away", court heard. The officer declined and subsequently laid the obstruction charge.

"I deeply regret this mistake I've made," Bergeson told Judge Maloney. "I plan never to be in front of a judge again."

On the attempted obstruction charge, the judge handed Bergeson a \$350 fine.

On the drug charge, defence counsel asked Judge Maloney to give the accused an absolute discharge because a conviction would prevent her from travelling to the U.S. on business.

The judge agreed, handing her the absolute discharge on that charge. He did order her to pay \$50 into the victim fund.

### **Cocaine found in police car**

A man who discarded his stash of crack cocaine in a police car following his arrest in May has

been jailed.

Frank G. Miranda was charged with possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking, but pleaded guilty on Dec. 6 to a lesser charge of possession on Dec. 6. The Crown withdrew the original charge.

The accused was arrested during a routine checkstop in Mountain View County on May 22, court heard.

During the stop, police determined the accused had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Upon searching the vehicle, the officer found crack cocaine.

The accused was placed in the police cruiser and after being taken to a local detachment, the officer found more crack cocaine in the back of the cruiser.

Miranda, who Judge F. Maloney said has a "significant history" of prior drug convictions, was jailed for 30 days.

### **Woman had marijuana**

A 25-year-old woman charged after someone phoned police to report she was in possession of marijuana has been fined.

Kelly Denise Niemeyer pleaded guilty on Dec. 6 to a charge of possession of a controlled substance.

Olds RCMP received the call on April 14 and subsequently attended a residence where they found 12 grams of marijuana, court heard. The accused admitted the drugs belonged to her.

Judge Maloney fined Niemeyer \$200. The Crown withdrew two charges of failing to attend court.

### **Woman defrauded social assistance**

A woman who collected \$2,500 in social assistance benefits she was not entitled to will be sentenced next month.

Janice Kimberly Scott pleaded guilty on Dec. 6 to a charge of fraud under \$5,000.

Judge Frank Maloney ordered a pre-sentence report prepared on the accused.

She will be sentenced on Jan. 31.

### **Third drunk driving offence leads to fine**

A 40-year-old man convicted of his third drunk driving offence in 11 years has been fined.

Reagan Headley pleaded guilty on Dec. 6 to a charge of failing to provide a breath sample.

The accused was stopped near Innisfail on May 1 after police received a public complaint of an er-

ratic driver, court heard.

The accused was subsequently pulled over and given a roadside screen test, which he failed.

He was then given a demand to provide a breath sample but refused to comply.

He has previous drunk driving convictions in 1993 and 1997.

During the Dec. 6 court hearing, the accused admitted through his counsel that he had been drinking liquor before his arrest.

Judge Maloney fined him \$1,720 and prohibited him from driving for one year.

### **Girl disobeyed court order**

A female young offender who failed to abide by a court order that she reside at a specified residence has spent 15 days in jail.

The girl, who cannot be named, pleaded guilty on Dec. 6 to a charge of failing to comply with a court order.

The girl did not live at the residence in question for one week in Dec. 2003, court heard.

She was subsequently arrested and spent 15 days in custody before being sentenced on Dec. 6 to one day in jail.

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## Council Highlights

**December 7**

### Unedited and Unapproved

Council supported in principal the relocation of the Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce office as well as the Didsbury Senior's Support Services.

Administration continues to work on an amicable solution with the Condo Association regarding the Town Shop yard.

The Five-0 Club sent a thank you for the paving of the new parking lot.

Town of Banff has challenged the Mayor and Council of the Town of Didsbury to participate and promote the World Masters Games in Edmonton on July 22 to 31, 2005.

Council would like to endorse the participation in the Community Choosewell Challenge.

Council supported Administration recommendation that the Tourism Information booth be relocated to the Didsbury & District Chamber of Commerce Office, once the Chamber moves to the Didsbury Train Station.

Council supported the development of a Business & Tourism Signage Enhancement Project.

Last summer vandals smashed a large plate glass window at the Aquatic Centre. Cst. Hammond apprehended the culprit and restitution was made to the Town for damages of \$1092.32.

Council approved to release the Town of Carstairs from the "opting out" clause for Bylaw Services between Carstairs and Didsbury. The Town of Didsbury will enter into a reciprocal agreement wherein the special constables of either community will work together in both communities on joint enforcement ventures.

Council approved Administration to proceed with the Lease Agreement for the Chamber of Commerce to relocate to the Train Station.

Council authorized Administration to engage the service of a consultant to update the existing annexation report. As well Administration will advise both the Mountain View County and the Municipal Government Board of the Town's intentions of proceeding with an Annexation application in 2005.

Council ratified the CAO's decision to sell the land on the 1.09-acre lot north of the Credit Union for \$140,000.

Council authorized Administration to negotiate the sale of Lot 4 in the Rosebud Industrial Park.

Council approved a 3% increase for Non-union staff for 2005.

## Politicians slam same-sex marriage ruling

by Carla Victor and Dan Singleton

Wild Rose MP Myron Thompson, Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills MLA Richard Marz and Sundre-area MLA Ty Lund have all come out strongly against same-sex marriage after the Supreme Court issued an opinion that the federal government has the right to redefine marriage to include gay and lesbian couples.

All three men say they will vigorously fight any changes to Canada's marriage laws. Critics say they are discriminating against a minority group.

The Liberal government is expected to introduce legislation next month that will legalize same-sex marriages.

The Bloc and the NDP have already said they will support the government's legislation. Progressive Conservatives MPs are expected to vote against it.

Conservative MP Thompson says the Supreme Court has "opened a can of worms" with its decision.

"I believe that the value of Canadians is that marriage should be reserved for those between a man and a woman," said Thompson. "I would venture to say that 90 per cent of my riding agree with me on that. Man and woman are the only kinds of couples I know of that can make babies."

"I'm saying this is a door opening to a slippery slope. What's next? Shall we say it's okay to have six or seven wives, even if some of them are 13-years-old? Where does it end?"

Thompson, who has said he "hates homosexuality", is calling for a nation-wide referendum on the issue.

During last month's election campaign debate in Sundre, Progressive Conservative MLA Lund said he will "never, never, ever support, I don't care what the court says, I will never support redefining marriage."

On Thursday, Lund reiterated his opposition.

"I won't vote for it regardless of what the court says," said Lund. "I'm not about to make it any easier for them (federal government). I don't know what we can do about it, with a useless Senate. The Prime Minister will have the whip on to support it. The NDP will vote for it, they love social engineering, so they'll go for it. And he will browbeat his members."

"I do not support changing the definition of marriage and that is the bottom line. It's religious plus tradition. Why would we break up what has been a tradition for centuries, not only in our western society but



Myron Thompson

in other societies. Why would we do that?"

Alberta's Adult Interdependent Relationships Act, which provides non-married couples many of the same financial and property benefits as couples in traditional marriages, adequately protects gay and lesbian couples, he said.

Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills Progressive Conservative MLA Richard Marz said he is disappointed with the latest court ruling, but said he wasn't surprised by it at all.

"It shouldn't have been a surprise to anyone, it was very predictable considering the courts have been appointed by the ruling Liberal government over the past however many years," said Marz.

The latest ruling reflects how the nation's standards have been eroding over the years, he said.

"Some see it as normal change and evolution, but I feel it is going backwards in our society, some of these standards have been put in place for very good reasons."

"We seem to be losing that a little at a time - year after year, day after day - until we have no standards left. If you stand for anything you will stand for anything."

Marz said he has drawn

his line in the sand on this issue and constituents in his riding expect him to continue fighting - "even though I will probably lose on this issue."

As for the groups lobbying in support of homosexual marriages, Marz warned nothing will ever be enough.

"They have been saying, over the years, they will stop when they get what they want, but they never stop."

When asked if he would ever consider marrying a homosexual couple - MLAs, like mayors, have the right to conduct marriage ceremonies - Marz said that would not likely happen.

"I haven't married anyone and I would never consider taking that responsibility lightly. People should not do it lightly regardless of their sexual orientation. It is a serious occasion and not some frivolous thing."

Would I ever consider marrying homosexuals? I don't see it happening. I would not do that."

MPs and MLAs who oppose same-sex marriage are woefully ignorant of the true nature of gay and lesbian relationships, says Dr. Kevin Alderson, a University of Calgary associate

professor who has studied and written extensively about the same-sex marriage issue in Canada.

"I feel a certain amount of outrage when I hear of MPs and MLAs who I wish could be informed about a subject before they rattle their mouths off," said Dr. Alderson. "They have a knee-jerk reaction without understanding anything about the gay and lesbian community. The Alberta government has not done anything to make gays and lesbians feel welcome here."

"The opponents of same-sex marriage do not understand that same-sex marriage is very similar to heterosexual marriage; it is a loving bond and commitment between two people who love each other."

Preventing gays and lesbians from "making lifelong commitments in the form of marriage" is outright discrimination and a violation of Human Rights in Canada, said Alderson, who recently co-wrote a book called "Same-sex marriage - The personal and the political" with Queen's University law professor K. Lahey.

"Many gays and lesbians don't want to bring attention to themselves because they are afraid," said Alderson. "You won't find most people working in the oil business, for example, coming out to one another. Most physicians, lawyers, dentists are not going to come out to their clients or patients because of fear of repercussion."

"If gays and lesbians are not given the right to marry, then it is really saying we are going to continue to discriminate against this minority group."

Last week's ruling will probably not lead some MLAs and MPs to reverse their opposition to same-sex marriage, he said.

"I suspect that some will dig in their heels even more in terms of their moral or religious beliefs that are anti-gay. This will be even more divisive."

Alberta Justice Minister Ron Stevens says the Klein government continues to oppose same-sex marriage, that "marriage is deeply rooted in history, culture and religion and is a special bond between a man and a woman" and that the Tory caucus will discuss options in the coming weeks.

"Our opposition to same-sex marriage is not aimed at discriminating against a group of people," said Stevens. "It is about upholding the definition of marriage, as it is traditionally understood by society. It is about protecting the rights of individual citizens to have a say in the direction their society takes, not simply letting the court make those changes for us."

# OPINIONS EDITORIAL

## Problem Solving



TAMARA COLLINS  
EDITORIAL

For almost a week I was having trouble sleeping. I just could not get comfortable no matter what I did. I tried using a different blanket, a warmer one, then a colder one. I tried sleeping with a sheet, I tried sleeping without. Nothing!

Finally I figured out the problem. It was my pillow. It gets all wrinkly and bunched up, and all I had to do was straighten it out. I have been doing this every night and sleeping like a baby.

I was so convinced that I would find the solution to my problem in the blankets, that I never even thought to try my pillow.

The reason I am sharing this with you is because I think it is a common mistake everyone makes. When you are looking for the solution to the problem are you really considering all aspects? Is there something that maybe you have not even thought about doing?

In the future when I have a problem, I will always turn to my head first to make sure everything is all straight up there.



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## Wonderings of the heart

by Margaret Fradley

### "Time"

Time is a priceless commodity. It always amazes me that we never have time. Yet, in a sense that is all we have. We have 24 hours in each day, to be spent as each one of us determines. How often we hear people say "I would love to but I just don't have time;" we don't seem to have time to do the things that pop up unexpectedly and add to our enjoyment, things 'just for fun'.

Someone once said "don't ask time where its gone, tell it where to go" - we all need to examine how we use our time, some people (and I know a number) that never waste a moment, they are always busy doing, or actively involved in something. Even wait at doctor's offices, or an enjoyable bus trip, they are crocheting, knitting or making the most of every minute. (Although I greatly admire these people, they often make me feel guilty, as there are times, I can simply do 'nothing' and seem to need those times).

We need to recall our priorities, then use our time as best we are able. There are some things we need to learn to say 'no' to, when others expectations for us are too high. Each one of us needs to know what we are able to do, do it to our best ability, but not be hindered by what others do or think. When pestered constantly about doing a certain thing, someone remarked "What is it you don't understand about no?" - None of us know what the other is carrying, is responsible for, so we need to learn to accept each other where they are, and not put our expectations on them. We need to learn to make the most of our time, and then not feel guilty. I'll see you when I get time!!!

## Thompson to continue the fight for traditional marriage

Myron Thompson, Member of Parliament for Wild Rose says regardless of the Supreme Court decision concerning the legalizing of same-sex marriage, he will continue to fight to preserve the historic definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman.

The Supreme Court said in its opinion, the federal government has the jurisdiction to legislate the civil definition of marriage and that the definition could be legally expanded to include same sex couples.

It also stated that churches are protected under the Charter of Rights in maintaining the traditional definition of marriage.

However, the Court declined to answer the question of whether the traditional definition of marriage in the common law violates the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"The Supreme Court

clearly did not declare the traditional definition of marriage as unconstitutional. They have handed this question back to Parliament to decide and made it clear that it is Parliament's to deal with. This is precisely the argument made by the Conservative Party that this matter should be decided by elected representatives," said Thompson.

"The problem arises when it comes to religious institutions. The court may have made assurances about respect for religious institutions to maintain the definition of marriage, but many Canadians remain skeptical with the Liberals still in charge. I remember back in 1999, Anne McLellan, said that the government had no intention to redefine marriage and that the courts had accepted the traditional definition of marriage as constitutional. We're going to need a lot more than these hollow assurances from the courts and the Liberals that religious freedom will be protected," stated Thompson.

"Protecting religious freedom goes far beyond just protecting the rights of churches and other religious bodies to maintain the traditional definition of marriage. It also means preserving the right of churches to publicly preach and teach their beliefs related to marriage; it means preserving the right of religious schools to hire staff who respect their doctrines and practices; it means protecting justices of the peace and civil marriage commissioners who do not want to solemnize marriages that are not in accordance with their beliefs; it means preserving their charitable and other economic benefits as public institutions and it means preserving the right of any public official to act in accordance with his or her beliefs," concluded Thompson.



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help in this matter.

3. Volunteers to wrap gifts Dec. 21 at 7:00 p.m. at ZEMC the church in the valley. Bring your family and come enjoy this annual Christmas Event. Many families in the past have made this their Christmas Tradition. See you there.

4. If you picked your angels from the bakery, the unwrapped gifts with an angel attached needs to be at the Post Office by Dec. 18. There are still angels. If you can help us in this way check out the tree in the bakery.

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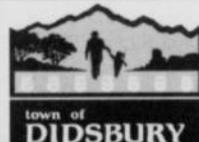
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Tuesday, December 21, 2004 - Council Chambers, 4:30 pm

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- DP 109-04 34 Valarosa Dr. (Single Family Dwelling with waiver) R1
- DP 110-04 1811 - 20 Street (Change of Use) C1

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Robert Wigg, Development Officer

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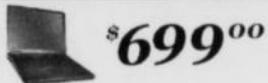
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## NEWS

# New field trip plans concern Brassard

By Shawne Mohl

Chinook's Edge School Division (CESD) Board's chairperson, Roy Brassard reiterated his concerns about field trips, after Didsbury High School (DHS) requested a change of location for an upcoming trip.

Band students from DHS have been fundraising for a trip they had planned on taking to Cuba, but due to financial constraints are no longer able to do so.

"The cost of the trip has become too expensive, and they are requesting approval of three different trips," CESD Superintendent, Jim Gibbons said to the Board.

Instead of all band students going to Cuba and traveling as one group, DHS have requested that students be given the right to attend different music festivals.

The requests are as follows: a) 23 of the students be granted approval to attend a Jazz Festival in Moscow, Idaho, February 23-27; b) 60 students be granted approval to attend a concert band performance at the Whistler Musical Festival; c) The grade nine concert band (about 30 students) be granted approval to attend the Sun Peaks music festival in Kamloops, British Columbia.

Columbia.

Gibbons explained that a group of students would be attending two of the events, as the Whistler event involves more students - some students of which are in the jazz bands.

The Board questioned Gibbons on how the students will be attending these trips financially.

"They fundraise as a group and they also pay some out of pocket," Gibbons explained.

The 'out-of-pocket' comment is what stemmed a comment from CESD Board chairman Roy Brassard, who has time and time again reiterated his feelings against self-funded field trips.

"I think band trips are valuable, but I have time and time again stated my concerns about trips which require students to pay for themselves... some families just can't afford it," he said.

Brassard says that CESD should really re-consider if they are up to continually supporting trips that prevent some students that come from less-fortunate families from being able to attend them.

"I don't think we should entertain trips that some kids can't afford to go on."

The Board, in principle, supported DHS's field trips.

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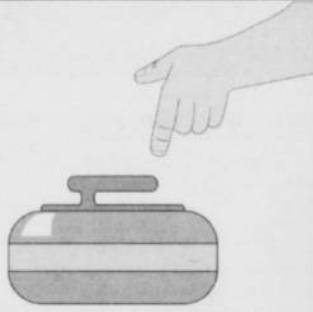
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# Neighborhood

## Didsbury's mayor, AUMA vice president



Dorothy Moore

by Tamara Collins

Didsbury's own mayor, Dorothy Moore, is also vice president of the Alberta Urban Municipality Association (AUMA). First elected last Sept., Moore is now in her second term.

Moore's position with AUMA goes beyond vice president, Moore is also director of South Towns (all towns between Olds and Bowden).

In total AUMA has three directors, and among those three a second election is

held for the position of vice president.

"I hope I bring a fresh vision of how the towns can work together," said Moore. "We focus on community problems, for example every town has an infrastructure deficit. We try to address these issues."

As vice president Moore was chosen to chair the Strategic Policy Committee.

"I was able to bring back focus to the committee, as well as focus on the future," said Moore. "Next year we will be aligning with seven

*"I hope I bring a fresh vision of how the towns can work together... We focus on community problems, for example every town has an infrastructure deficit. We try to address these issues."*

-Dorothy Moore

cities looking at a 100 year vision."

AUMA has been established for over 100 years.

"With the Centennial year for the province and Didsbury here we want to look back and look forward at the same time," said Moore. "Continuing to do what you have done for the past 100 years in not sustainable. We will be learning from other communities and how they have visioned to preserve the economy, social infrastructure and the environment long term."

On average Moore attends four meetings a month, mostly held in Edmonton. None of this is paid for by the Town, AUMA covers all costs.

"This brings a lot of information and resources to the town that we would otherwise not have such easy access to," said Moore. "We are presently looking at doing technology specifically for municipalities. It is a unique kind of reporting AUMA does, and not your regular accounting system."

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## NEIGHBORHOOD



## At The Kitchen Table

by  
Noreen Olson

Only ten days until Christmas and many of us still have shopping to do.

There is no excuse for not knowing what to buy. Most of the December magazines have lists of, "this years really great gift suggestions," every mail contains another catalogue and four or five flyers fall out of every newspaper.

I just looked through a flyer from an electronics company and was appalled and saddened to find that I don't even know what some of the things are, let alone how to use them. What is a XFX GeForce 3D Graphics card? What is a USB JumpDrive Sport?

Does anyone really need to, "listen to your favorite radio station while you shower." The radio has a clock in it so I guess if you were inclined to dawdle you could time yourself and speed up a bit each day and justify it that way. But then you might be inclined to stay in the shower longer to hear the end of a song or catch the weather and road report so there goes any hope of saving water. How about an iPod to store 5000 songs in your pocket. It says that "finding your favorite tracks is easy and fast," but as a Marriage Commissioner who, many, many times has waited patiently while the friend in charge of music lapses into panic as he searches for the brides theme song, I'd have to see this to believe it.

I have no sense of direction so I am intrigued with the GPS (Global Positioning System) "that provides verbal directions, voice guidance and 30 turn by turn directions to get you to your destination." Would it work out here in the country? Could you say, "find Frontier Town west of Sundre" or, "the Smith acreage near Bergen Campground." Would it say in a nicely modulated tone, "turn west at the farm with the brick silo," and would it finally lose patience and scream, "I said west you idiot."

Karaoke seems to be very popular and not terribly expensive. It comes with a color video camera, TV monitor, demo disc, microphone and, if you know how, you can do voice shifting, harmony, special effects, duets and pitch correction. None of this helps if you have no talent to begin with however. Digital cameras now start at about \$60.00 and you can get your own photo printer for less than \$200.00. For \$400.00 you can get a camera that films in total darkness. I don't know how often you would want to film something in total darkness or how you would know where to aim the camera but maybe if you suspected the cat of using the rubber tree for a litterbox ... And of course you can get your phone to do practically anything. We are still looking for a dependable answering machine. Ours answers after two rings or after seven depending upon its mood, then no matter how long the caller speaks, it cleverly cuts off just before he or she gives a name and number.

Harry, our historian son in law, has given me a photocopy of the Calgary Daily Herald Christmas Shopping Number from 1912. Lets compare today's gift suggestions to those of nearly a century ago. For your Mother; music case, set of Dickens works, chafing dish, winter gloves, Irish linen handkerchiefs, earrings .85c to \$1.00, silver thimbles .50 and .65c, ebony, ivory or rosewood hairbrush .65c to \$3.25. For your Father; writing case, all gold watch fob \$10.00, suit of clothes \$19.00, gloves \$1.00 at the Hudson's Bay, silk muffler \$1.50 to \$6.00, silk handkerchief with initial .50c, library table \$3.75. For little boys; Brownie camera, fire engine \$1.50, suspenders .75c to \$1.50, box of soldiers, scarf pin, box of chocolates. For little girls; half dozen linen handkerchiefs \$1.50, baby doll .75c to \$2.50, hair ornaments .75c, skates \$1.25, fancy collars \$2.50 to \$6.50.

And now back to 2005. Wine coolers range from a table model that cools one bottle for about \$40.00 to one that keeps seven bottles at 8 preprogrammed settings for \$149.00. And finally the gift that everyone has been waiting for, a Motion Sensor Trash Can. Stand in front of it and it flips open, drop your garbage and it quietly shuts, hands free.

Cost is about \$100.00 and I don't know if it's battery powered or plug in, I do know that I don't want one. What I'd really like is a rosewood hairbrush.

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by Noreen Olson

## DIDSBURY HIGH SCHOOL

## Braggin' Dragons

DHS had an outstanding night of music, art and drama during the Evening of the Arts held in our gym on November 24. Congratulations to all the students and the teachers involved.

We thank those of you who were present at this well attended event.

On December 12 the Christmas Concert, Tea and Silent auction was held in Westglen gym. This event is a major fundraiser. The event was enjoyed by all who came for some great music, food and Christmas cheer.

The Drama Club will

present a one act play in the library on December 16. You are invited to this presentation.

DHS is focusing on CARING for the month of December. Student Council is very busy with different activities in the school in the hope of raising money and food items for the community food bank.

If you wish to make a contribution of money or food we would very much appreciate it.

The school dance was held on December 10 in our school's gym from 8:30 - 12:00 a.m.

## West Didsbury 4-H Club news

Our year is off to a great start. We had our weigh in at Westway Farms on October 29, 2004. There are some fine looking animals and if you are interested in purchasing a steer in the Spring, please contact our new club leader Taras Bucklaschuk. We have seventeen members and our executive is as follows:

Triona Richmond - President  
Sarah Braun - Vice President/District Rep.

Dayle Kimmel - Secretary  
Kayla Edwards - Treasurer  
Lindley Hrabok - Club Reporter

Dayna Hadway - Parliamentarian

George Barrett - District Rep.  
Our next meeting is on Monday, December 13, 2004.

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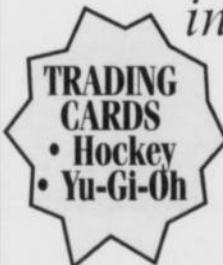
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by Tamara Collins

## 11th annual Farm and Ranch Bonspiel



Harry Reese

Get ready if you are a farmer and you like to curl, because from Jan. 3rd to 8th is the 11th annual Farm and Ranch Bonspiel at the Didsbury Curling rink. This event is the biggest spel Didsbury puts on.

"It is the perfect time to work off that turkey dinner," said organizer Harry Reese.

For the past three years the event has had 40 rinks; they can handle up to 48, which may be the case this year.

The cut off to sign up is Dec. 22nd. Mixed, ladies, or mens teams are all welcome. Each

team must be three people, then a business person will be added making it four.

"The support for this event is always excellent," said Reese. "There are so many business people who want to curl."

A donation of \$100 or more allows that business to put a curler in. This money pays for the ice, lunch and breakfast. The remaining money is spent on prizes.

"Lots of people come to watch this event," said Reese. "It is a lot of fun."

All sponsoring businesses get

a card for a \$1 breakfast, and a \$2 lunch.

"We like to encourage them to come with their staff," said Reese. "Anyone is welcome to come for breakfast or lunch, they just pay regular price."

The first draw will take place at 10 a.m. everyday and the last draw will start at 8 p.m. every night. Breakfast is served at 8 a.m.

"Last year was the big 10th anniversary," said Reese. "Every year we try to improve. We always pride ourselves on presenting a good spel."

To play in the spel you must be a qualified farmer and you have to have your own land, somewhere. If you do not have a team you can still sign up and you will be placed on one.

Once again this year the draw master is Neil Youngs.

After the final day of curling a banquet and dance will take place at the Memorial Complex.

"Door prizes will be given out everyday to the curlers," said Reese. "The night of the banquet the other prizes will be presented. It is going to be a great time."

## Live Nativity to be enjoyed by all

Nothing puts you in the Christmas spirit more than the Didsbury Lutheran Church's Live Nativity that takes place every year, and is enjoyed by people from all over.

This year the Nativity will start on Dec. 21st and end on the 23rd. It takes place at about 7:45 p.m., but seating starts at 7:30 p.m.

"A train always goes by around 7:30, so we always start

right after that," said Pastor Robert Mohns. "The Nativity is about 15 to 20 minutes long."

The Town has lent the church bleachers so people have a nice place to sit.

"I have lost track of how many years we have been doing this," said Mohns.

Harry Reese is once again the organizer of the event.

The actors usually change each year, and the cast changes

each night.

"Some nights we have about 150 people," said Mohns. "It depends on the weather. We really appreciate the support we get from the community."

Each year local farmers donate some animals to be used in the Nativity.

"It is a real community thing," said Mohns. "People come from Crossfield, Carstairs, Olds, and we get some from Red Deer and

Calgary every year. It has quite a following."

The church has received many letters of appreciation throughout the years.

"It is a nice thing for the whole community," said Mohns. "We serve hot chocolate and goodies in the gym. It is a great way to get the community together during this busy time. It is a good time to wish people a Merry Christmas."



Pastor Robert Mohns

## Alone for Christmas?



Not everyone has a place to go this Christmas. Many people, here in Didsbury, live alone and have no family to share this holiday with.

On Dec. 25th if you are alone, please come and join others in your situation for a Christmas dinner and together celebrate this holiday.

This special dinner will take place at the Elks Hall at 1 p.m. You will be treated to a home cooked meal with all the trimmings.

"This is an annual event," said organizer Linda Sirr. "It has been going on for many years."

This dinner is sponsored by

the food hampers. Every year between 60 and 80 people attend the dinner. Everyone who attends is asked to bring a wrapped unisex gift for the gift exchange. "If you know someone who may be spending Christmas alone, let them know there is another option," said

Sirr. Your presence will also be appreciated by others who would otherwise be alone on Christmas.

"No one should have to spend Christmas alone," said Sirr. "It is the time of year for everyone to be together. Come and join your new found family."

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### AROUND THE CIRCLE

# Christmas lights judging this week

by Marge St. Clair

#### Tues. Dec. 14

The Chamber of Commerce will be judging the residential Christmas light displays tonight and the 15th. Rural residents, please phone the Chamber office, 335-3265 and give directions to your residence if you want your lights judged.

#### Tues. Dec. 14

The Lions Club will start tonight at 7:00 p.m. from the bus stop at Didsbury Drugs corner to take passengers on a tour of the Christmas lights in town and the immediate surrounding districts. Please phone the driver Frank Holland at 335-3399 or the bus number 507-0208 for your seat. There must be more than 5 passengers or it's a no go. The tour takes about an hour and there is a small charge. Enjoy.

#### Tues. Dec. 14

This is Bingo night at the Elks Hall, doors open at 6:00 p.m. Everyone welcome. This is a non-smoking event.

#### Wed. Dec. 15

This is the day to take a food bank donation for the CPR Holiday Train when it stops in Didsbury. There are entertainers on the Train who will give a performance and Santa will also greet you. 19th St. by Fas Gas will be blocked off, all the food donations stay here for the Mountain View Food Bank. Be there 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. for the performances. Go to the East side of the tracks behind the Train Station.

#### Thurs. Dec. 16

All seniors will be welcome to Eldon Foote Hall from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. This will feature a gift exchange and an early Christmas Party. The activities will start up again about mid Jan./05

#### Fri. Dec. 17

Come and play cribbage at the 5-0 Centre at 7:00 p.m. Coffee & goodies served.

#### Sat. Dec. 18

Support the Mountain View Colts when they play against Three Hills at the Didsbury Arena at 8:00 p.m. Sun. Dec. 19 the team from Red Deer will be on the ice at 4:00 p.m. against the Colts.

#### Sat. Dec. 18

Open Mixed darts is being held in the main hall at the Didsbury Elks Hall Lodge from 7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. More info from Al at 335-3159 (ask for room 25).

#### Tues. Dec. 21

The Didsbury Christmas Helpers will welcome all volunteers to Zion E.M. Church from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. to wrap gifts for the Christmas Hampers, please bring a pen, ribbon and scissors. On Wed. Dec. 22, the Christmas Hampers will be made up from 10:00 - 12:00 noon and delivery will start at 1:00 p.m. If you know of people in need of a hamper please phone the Church at 335-3629.

**Tues. Dec. 21, Wed. Dec. 22, Thurs. Dec. 23**

Redeemer Lutheran Church will welcome one and all to view the wonderful story of Christmas, the "Live Nativity" which starts at 7:30 p.m. each

night. Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies in the gym following the presentation.

The Didsbury Curling Club has planned the 1st Annual New Year's Eve Party for members & guests only. Cocktails at 7:30 p.m., dance 8:30 p.m. - 2:00 a.m. Appetizers 11:00 p.m. (til they're gone) D.J. and party favors. Children's Corner. Tickets from the Executive and League Reps. Limited seating. Get your tickets early.

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# Didsbury Churches December Services

by Marge St. Clair

#### 1. Bergthal Church

Sun. Dec. 19, 7:00 p.m. - Sunday School Christmas Program

Tues. Dec. 21, 7:30 p.m. - Blue Christmas Service

Fri. Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m. - Candlelight Service

Sat. Dec. 25, 10:00 a.m. - Christmas Day Service

2. Chinook Winds Christian Centre

Sun. Dec. 19, 6:00 p.m. - Family Christmas Party

3. Knox United Church

Sun. Dec. 19, 7:00 p.m. - Sunday School Christmas Pageant & Pot Luck dessert.

Fri. Dec. 24, 7:00 p.m. - Carols & stories; 9:00 p.m. - Candlelight & Communion

6. St. Cyprian's Anglican Church

Sun. Dec. 19, 10:30 a.m. - Lessons & carols

Fri. Dec. 24, 4:30 p.m. - Communion service; Music - "Strings"

7. Redeemer Lu-

ion.

Sun. Dec. 26 - 10:00 a.m. Service

4. Mountain View Evangelical Missionary Church

Sun. Dec. 19 7:00 p.m. - Children's Program

Tues. Dec. 21, Wed. Dec. 22, Thurs. Dec. 23 - Live Nativity at 7:30 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 24 7:30 p.m. - Christmas Eve Service

Sat. Dec. 25 10:30 a.m. - Christmas Service

Sun. Dec. 26 10:00 a.m. - Regular Service

8. Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

Sun. Dec. 19 - 10:45 a.m. - Christmas Choir Contata entitled "Celebrate the Gift"

Fri. Dec. 24 - 7:00 p.m. - Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

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# NEIGHBORHOOD

## Bancroft Womens Institute

by Eva Page

Six Members met at the home of June Lore on December 6.

Roll call was an item for the Food Bank and 4 doz. cookies.

We received our new handicraft list along with our Home & Country magazine.

We planned card parties for 2005. The first one will be on Friday, Jan. 7th at 7:30 at Midway School, also on Jan. 21 and Feb. 4th.

Pat Van Tetering gave a report on the Executive Meeting and much discussion took place.

Our branch will pay for Home & Country for each member.

We will take part in the poster competition for Grades 4, 5 and 6. We will take this info to schools in Didsbury, Carstairs & Midway.

Jackson W.I. had 2 resolutions that they asked our support on - this we agreed to do. The resolutions were one on Wetlands and the other on Licensed Nurse Practitioners. We exchanged gifts and packed 8 boxes of cookies for special people in our community.

Elsie Brander had the lucky cup.

Merry Christmas everyone!

by David Smith Sr. & Marge St. Clair

Family and friends were present on Dec. 3 for the installation of officers for 2005 for the Didsbury BPOE.

The ceremony was conducted by District Deputy Bro. Roger Blackwood and assisted by Bro. Mitch Jones of the Okotoks

Lodge.

Installed as:  
Exalted Ruler - Bro. Brian Clazie  
Imm. Past E.R. - Bro. Ron Townrow  
Leading Knight - Bro. Jim Wadel  
Loyal Knight - Bro. Bud Davis  
Lecturing Knight - Bro. Roy Parker

Treasurer - Bro. Dave Franz  
Inner Guard - Tyler - Bro. Bob Hurst  
Trustee - Bro. Ron Townrow,  
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Color and dignity were provided with the assistance of the Didsbury Royal Purple Drill Team,

made up of Ladies Helen Newton, Ev Franz, Karen Smith, Sharon Wadel, Irene Dickau and Susan Davies accompanied by pianist Lady Shirley Thompson.

Visitors included members from the Acme and Okotoks Lodges, and the evening concluded with a pleasant hour of fellowship.

## Didsbury Ag Society Nov. Notes

by Connie & Marge

1. AAAS Convention - The conference will be held in Lloydminster from Feb. 18-20, 2005. Please contact Connie by January 10, 2005 if you need more info or plan on attending.

2. The Ag Society will reimburse local 4H Clubs the cost of conference fees for 2 delegates.  
3. The search for a new

treasurer will continue. Next year's Bull Riding Event will be on June 11 or 18, decision later.

5. Bench Fair - changes are in place and updates will be provided.

6. Light Horse - Mandy Whiteside is the new chairperson of this group.

7. Two other items of business were discussed and will continue at the Dec. meeting.

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## K&W Drive-In



Didsbury's hottest hamburger joint has new operators, Paul and Sandy Beazley! The Beazley's have managed the busy drive-in since Dec. 1, and they are having a great time running their own business.

Sandy has worked at K&W for over a year so she is already familiar with how things are done.

The couple inherited a great group of well trained staff. Another thing that will remain the same is the menu. Paul says the customers are happy with the menu, so why change it.

Monday to Friday K&W has featured lunch specials.

Open regular hours as long as weather permits. 11am - 8pm, Monday through Friday.

"If the sign is on, we are here," said Sandy.

Paul and Sandy both enjoy dealing with people, and love to help their customers.

"We are very excited about this opportunity," said Paul. "We look forward to serving lots of new customers."

As you celebrate the birth of our Saviour, may you be surrounded by the love, peace and joy of this wonderful season.  
God bless you at Christmas & in the New Year.

## Installation of Elks Officers

Esquire - Bro. Gerry Samoisette  
Chaplain - Bro. Shaun Waite  
Secretary - Bro. Don Neal  
Treasurer - Bro. Dave Franz  
Inner Guard - Tyler - Bro. Bob Hurst

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# NEIGHBORHOOD



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*WATER ACT*

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NOTES FROM NIGERIA

# "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas."

### Dear Family and Friends,

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas." But what does Christmas look like? In various parts of North America and Europe the appearances are quite different. Here in Nigeria it looks brownish-gray. The grass has turned brown and everything is covered with several layers of brownish-gray dust. The speaker at the Chapel this morning said that it was looking a lot like Christmas because he could go into his office and write his name in the dust on his desk. That is no sad commentary on the cleaner; the dust is thick enough after a couple of hours to be of writable quality on any surface.

The weather has also turned a bit cold. Please understand that 'cold' is a relative term. Because it is very dry, when it gets down into the 60's Fahrenheit (16 - 20 degrees Celsius) we think it's cold. The other night we went to some friends' place for banana splits—they were quite good. They have a projector to show their digital pictures on the wall, in this case, the wall in the carport. It was cool so we wore jackets or sweaters.

It has also been cool enough that Janet and the other ladies have decided not to brave the 'icy' water to do their water aerobics. Several of them have continued their morning workouts. On Friday they did not meet so at about 6:30 am. Janet and I went to the tennis courts here at Hillcrest and hit the ball back and forth. It was going quite well until Janet caught her foot on a crack in the cement, twisted the ankle, and fell rather hard back on one side. The ankle is still a bit tender and a bruise is developing where she fell. But the fall jarred the lower back and we were a bit concerned about that.

Janet walked home slowly—about 150 meters. She soaked in a hot bath for a while and that seemed to help. I opened the library and stayed there

for some time. Before 9 Janet came and stayed most of the day, looking after the classes that came. She visited the Hillcrest nurse and got some pills for the pain. The next day she visited an osteopath and got a treatment—she'll go again tomorrow.

How quickly the unexpected can happen and change things for us! We thank God that Janet isn't in much pain and there don't

appear to be any lasting ill effects.

Saturday morning was the craft sale. For months the Junior Class (eleventh grade) at Hillcrest worked at making things to sell at this event. Some of the things that were interesting this year were decorative wooden rabbits with cloth ears that could be changed for the different holidays, and many different kinds of Christmas ornaments. We think

that this was the first year that they sold cotton candy at this sale. We went down and had a late breakfast at about 10 a.m.

Today we were over at the Baptist Centre for American Thanksgiving. Yes, we know that it's supposed to be on Thursday, but the School doesn't give holidays for Thanksgiving. Also, the Senior play was presented in the evenings from Wednesday to Saturday.

So it would not have worked to celebrate on Thursday evening. Anyway, we had lots of good food and ate outside at picnic tables. We really do have year-round shirt-sleeve weather here.

We have so much for which to be thankful. God has forgiven our sins and come to live inside us, so we have eternal life. We have good health and strong bodies that allow us to do the exercises or play

tennis. We have peace and security just now. We have many friends and acquaintances that help us when we miss family and friends from back home. And we have many family members and friends who uphold us in prayer. We say a big "thank-you" to all of you for your support and prayers.

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# NEIGHBORHOOD

## Focus on the Family



**QUESTION:** Don't you think home schooling might negatively impact the socialization process? I don't want my children growing up to be misfits.

**DR. DOBSON:** This is the question home-schooling parents hear most often from curious (or critical) friends, relatives and neighbors. "Socialization" is a vague, dark cloud hanging over their heads. What if teaching at home somehow isolates the kids and turns them into oddballs? For you and all those parents who see this issue as the great danger of home education, I would respectfully disagree for these reasons.

To remove a child from the classroom is not necessarily to confine him or her to the house! And once beyond the school-yard gate, the options are practically unlimited. Home-school "support groups" are surfacing in community after community across the country. Some are highly organized and offer field trips, teaching co-ops, tutoring services, social activities and various other resources. There are home-schooling athletic leagues, orchestras and other activities.

Even if you're operating completely on your own, there are outings to museums, parks, visits to farms, factories, hospitals, seats of local government, days with Dad at "the office," trips to Grandma's house, extracurricular activities such as sports and music, church youth groups, service organizations and special-interest clubs. There are friends to be invited over, relatives to visit, and parties to attend. The list is limitless.

Even a trip with Mom to the market can provide youngsters with invaluable exposure to the lives and daily tasks of adults in the real world. While they're there, a multitude of lessons can be learned about math (pricing, fractions, pints vs. gallons, etc.), addition, subtraction, reading labels and other subjects. And without the strictures of schedule and formal curricula, it can all be considered part of the educational process. That's what I'd call "socialization" at its best!

To accuse home schoolers of creating strange little people in solitary confinement is nonsense. The great advantage of home schooling, in fact, is the protection it provides to vulnerable children from the wrong kind of socialization. When children interact in large groups, the strongest and most aggressive kids quickly intimidate the weak and vulnerable.

I am absolutely convinced that bad things happen to immature and "different" boys and girls when they are thrown into the highly competitive world of other children. When this occurs in nursery school or in kindergarten, they learn to fear their peers. There stands this knobby-legged little girl who doesn't have a clue about life or how to cope with things that scare her. It's sink or swim, kid. Go for it!

It is easy to see why such children tend to become more peer-dependent because of the jostling they get at too early an age. Research shows that if these tender little boys and girls can be kept at home for a few more years and shielded from the impact of social pressure, they tend to be more confident, more independent, and often emerge as leaders three or four years later. If acquainting them with ridicule, rejection, physical threats and the rigors of the pecking order is necessary to "socialize" our children, I'd recommend that we keep them unsocialized for a little longer.

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**QUESTION:** You have advised women in domestic violence situations to "get out" immediately. Are you suggesting that any woman who is being beaten should take the same course of action? My husband has only hit me once in a big fight we had. Should I separate from him?

**DR. DOBSON:** Your situation may represent another category of behavior. A man can become so enraged on a given occasion that he does something he is immediately sorry for and would never do again. That is very different from a repetitive, pathological situation. You will have to decide how you will deal with that exceptional situation, but I would recommend that it become a point of serious discussion between you and him. If he hit you once, he can hit you again. You need to set some ground rules that will prevent a similar situation from recurring.

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by Marge St. Clair

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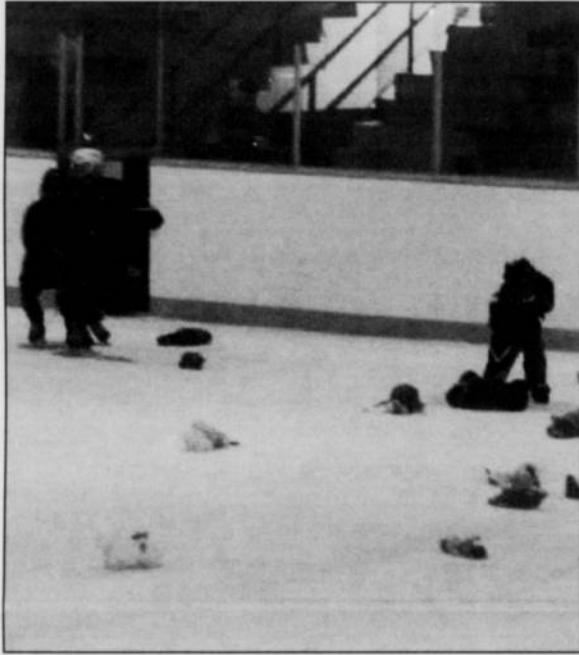
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# Sports

## Teddy Bear Toss



Photos by Dave Cumming

The Rocky Mountain Lightning held a Teddy Bear toss during one of their regular games, held at the Didsbury Memorial Arena which collected over 100 stuffed toys. The toys were then donated to the Didsbury Hospital and emergency services. As admission to the game, a donation of a food item which was donated to the food bank was collected.

Too much time in the penalty box turned out to be a killer for the Airdrie Rocky Mountain Lightning in Rural Alberta Midget Hockey League AAA action Sunday in Didsbury.

Playing before a large crowd in the special teddy bear toss game, the local squad spent 74 minutes in the sin bin and gave up four powerplay goals while dropping a 5-1 decision to the visiting Calgary Edge Academy Mountaineers.

The Lightning played the visitors even-up for most of the first period while staying out of penalty trouble. The Mountaineers got the lone goal of the first, with just 12 seconds to play, but the opening 20 minutes was fast-paced and even with the home side hitting the post early in the period. The goal by the visitors was the signal for a storm of teddy bears to hit the ice with more than 100 being picked up by skaters from the Didsbury Minor Hockey Association. The toys were donated to the Didsbury Hospital and Emergency Services and an abundance of do-

nated food went to the Mountainview Food Bank.

The Lightning evened the score on a powerplay of their own in the second frame with Carson Rowat getting the goal and Dustin Schlichter the assist. But the Edge went ahead to stay just 20 seconds later and that began a steady stream of Lightning players to the penalty box.

The home side played most of the rest of the game in a shorthanded situation—sometimes two men short—and were never able to mount a sustained offensive display.

Garrett Sheehan manned the net for the Lightning and faced 39 shots while his counterpart in the Edge net was tested just 13 times.

Despite the loss, the Lightning are still in a playoff position in the south division of the league as the Lloydminster Blazers and Wainwright Polar Kings—both below them in the standings—have been unable to make up any ground. The home side faces the Fort McMurray Barons in Carstairs on Friday at 7:30 p.m.



## Grizzlys building character

By Barry Williams

Team character can be described in many different ways.

And for the Olds Grizzlies, building character is through their hard work, desire, respect of their fellow team-mates and a never say die attitude.

During last week's Alberta Junior Hockey League action, the Grizzlys' character was in the forefront as they battled back for a pair of victories, an 8-7 overtime win over the Sherwood Park Crusaders and a heart stopping 2-1 victory at the hands of the Drayton Valley Thunder. Between the Crusaders and Thunder games they suffered a 4-1 defeat to the Fort McMurray Oil Barons.

"Regardless if we're winning or losing, the veterans are stepping forward and encouraging the younger players telling them to never give up," said Grizzlys' Head Coach/GM, Brett Cox.

"Right now we're finding ways to win and regardless of how we're doing it, every victory from here on in to the end of the season is no doubt very important," added Cox.

"I have never questioned the work ethic of the players, in most games they're battling right to the final buzzer," Cox added.

"What's frustrating now is most nights we've played well enough to win but haven't seen the results of our hard work," Cox added, noting the players have kept a positive attitude.

According to Cox, the "never say die" attitude along with the player's desire to win is building character, now being shown in their play on the ice.

"There's not one player on this team who likes losing," Cox noted.

"What we need now is a win-

ning streak to restore some of the player's confidence," Cox added.

"The players can be proud of this win tonight against the Crusaders, they deserved it," Cox said.

Against the Crusaders, Tyler Webb blinked the red light three minutes into the extra session to cement the Grizzlys' victory before three-hundred fans at the Olds Sportsplex on Wed. Dec. 8.

It was an old fashioned pond hockey game as the teams swept defensive hockey out the back door and threw caution to the wind in delighting the fans with goals, goals and more goals.

Crusader's netminder, Jeff Pasemko had only a few moments to relax as the Grizzlys peppered him with sixty-three shots. Meanwhile, at the other end of the rink, Cole Anderson handled just twenty-seven shots.

After Justin Schmidt gave the Grizzlys a 1-0 lead early in the first period, the Crusaders, on goals by Dylan Wiwchar, Brady Cook and Brett Holmberg, skated into the first period intermission with a 3-1 lead.

On power play goals by Parker Burgess and Dustin Moore coupled with a singleton from Adam Ross the teams were deadlocked 4-4 after forty minutes of play. Jesse VanDalsen was the only Crusader to blink the red light in the second frame.

With just forty-four seconds ran off the clock in the third period, Michael LeClair broke the deadlock with a power play marker. For the next seventeen minutes the game was dominated by the Crusaders as Reese Rolheiser, Sean Ringrose and Jesse VanDalsen,

with his second marker of the game, gave the Crusaders a 7-5 lead, which looked fairly comfortable at the time. With two and a half minutes left on the clock, Jeff Smyth's marker drew the Grizzlys to within a goal. After a time out with thirty seconds on the clock, Parker Burgess sent the game into overtime.

On Saturday evening at the Olds Sportsplex, Logan Lavorato and Matt Glassen gave the Oil Barons an 2-0 margin heading into the final twenty minutes of play. Midway through the final period, Pat Power blinked the red light giving the Oil Barons a 3-0 lead. At the fifteen minute mark in the final stanza Jeff Smyth netted the Gryzzlys' only goal. With Tyson Sexsmith sitting on the bench, former Grizzly Tyler Grover netted an empty net goal wrapping up the win for the Oil Barons.

Meanwhile, in Drayton Valley on Sunday afternoon, the Grizzlys and the Thunder were involved in a real defensive struggle as both teams experienced difficulty in blinking the red light. Early in the first period, Mike Ringrose gave the Thunder an early 1-0 which stood until Derek Weist tied the score mid way through the third period. With just over three minutes left to play, Justin Schmidt deposited the puck in the Thunder net for the winning goal.

This week on Tue. Dec. 14 the Grizzlys travel to Camrose to re-introduce the battle of the bears. In the friendly confines of the Olds Sportsplex the Grizzlys will host the Calgary Canucks on Wed. Dec. 15 and the Calgary Royals on Fri. Dec. 17.

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## OBITUARY

**Laura Katarina Janzen**  
June 21, 1999 -  
December 3, 2004

Laura Katarina Janzen was born in Olds, Alberta on June 21, 1999. She moved with her family to Holden, Alberta in April 2001. Laura was diagnosed with cancer in March 2004 and went to be with Jesus on December 3, 2004.

Laura's memory will be cherished by her parents, Hank & Karla, one brother, Randy, two sisters, Jill & Kari, grandparents Peter D. & Mary Janzen of

Lethbridge, Abe & Mary Warkentin of Didsbury, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Laura is predeceased by one sister Ingrid and one cousin, Rachel Sawatzky. Funeral services were held at the Holden Community Hall on Monday December 6. Interment followed at the Ryley Cemetery. Lunch afterward at the Good News Community Church. Tofield Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to Stollery Children's Hospital Oncology Unit.

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## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HOURS

DEC 23 OPEN 9AM - NOON

DEC 24 CLOSED

DEC 25-29 CLOSED

DEC 30 OPEN 9AM - 5PM

DEC 31 OPEN 9AM - 5PM







































































































































# The Program

## COMMUNITY SERVICES AND EVENTS



### DIDSBURY

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- Birth of a child
- Wedding
- Special Anniversary,  
25, 40, 50, 55, etc.

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Contemporary Graphics Ltd  
Vanda Agencies Ltd.

Please call Angela Oldridge  
335-4443

### DIDSBURY

#### DIDSBURY MUSEUM

New Fall hours: Tues., Wed., Thurs., 12:30 - 4:30. Saturday: 1 - 5 p.m., special occasions, & anytime by appointment. Please call Joan Court at 335-8392 or Larry Hunsperger at 335-3284.



#### New Listing \$207,000

This 1229 sq. ft. home shows 100%. Gas fire place, vaulted ceilings, 4 bdrms #8 Westpoint Drive

**Acreage in Town  
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2500 sq'. 3 bed plus Den and Studio all on 2 acres of land. #2 Rosebud Bay

**78x130  
Commercial lot  
Prime Location**

**\$79,500**

### DIDSBURY

*Annual Outdoor Live Nativity  
Redeemer Lutheran Church Dec. 21,  
22 & 23 at 7:30 p.m. Free admission.  
Complimentary refreshments following  
presentation. For more info call  
335-3161.*

#### Meeting

Didsbury Ag Society Annual General meeting January 10, 2005 at 7:30 p.m., Didsbury Curling Club. Everyone welcome. Snacks provided.

#### Christmas Concert

Rosebud Community Club Christmas Concert to be held Monday, December 20 at 6:30 at the Rosebud Hall. Potluck supper and Santa will visit. Please bring main course, salad and/or dessert.

#### 5-0 Club Hall Rentals

For hall rentals &/or info regarding the hall please call Bea Niedersteiner 335-3058.

### DIDSBURY

#### Meeting

Rosebud Community Club Annual Meeting to be held Monday, December 20 at 5:30 p.m. at the Hall prior to Christmas Concert. Please come out and support the hall.

#### Christmas Tree Sales

Didsbury 1st Girl Guides November 26 - December 18 at Didsbury Home Hardware. Great selection of trees.

#### Zion Evangelical Missionary Church

#### Christmas Service Events

Friday, Dec. 10 - Senior High Youth Christmas Banquet - Contact Pastor Colin for information. Sunday, Dec. 12 - 10:45 a.m. Children's Christmas Musical entitled, "Cradle, Cross and Crown". Sunday, Dec. 19 - 10:45 a.m. - Christmas Choir Cantata entitled, "Celebrate the Gift". Friday, Dec. 24 - 7:00 p.m. Annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.

### DIDSBURY

**Walking Group**  
Didsbury Walking Group to start January 2005 Monday Evenings at 6:30 p.m. at Westgate School. Group is open to anyone interested in increasing their activity level. Blood sugar testing available for people with diabetes. Contact Cindy 335-9437 for more information.

#### Rural Women In Business (Business Networking)

Speaker: Noreen Olson - Humourist/Author on Wednesday, December 15, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at Olde Country Pizza, Cremona. Everyone welcome. For more information 335-9114, 637-3994, 337-5889.

#### Ross Ford Playground

Donations are now being accepted through the red milk boxes at local businesses to help fund the new playground at Ross Ford School.

### ONGOING EVENTS

### DIDSBURY

#### SPECIAL FAMILIES RESOURCE ASSOCIATION

Support for families/caregivers of special needs children. Meetings held 1st and 3rd Thurs. of every month in the Didsbury Hospital in the Educational Conference Room at 7 p.m. For more information contact Cindy at 335-4123.

#### CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Didsbury Chamber of Commerce meets the 2nd Thursday each month. For more info please call 335-3265.

#### DIDSBURY TOPS

Take Off Pounds Sensibly! Come and join us every Wednesday evening. For more info call Stacey at 335-4487 or Rosemary 335-2835.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

Didsbury Environmental Advisory Board meets once every month at the Town Office. For info call the Town Office 335-3391.

#### BEAVER'S

Beaver's Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

#### TOY LIBRARY

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury Toy Library. (Closed for the Summer) the Anglican Church Hall basement 2037 - 24 Ave. New members always welcome. Kerri at 335-9928.

#### AA

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Colleen at 335-8484 or Rick at 335-9525.

#### TIME OUT

Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Train Station, Mondays 10:11-30 a.m. Nominal babysitting fee. Call 335-9107 or 335-9372 for more information.

#### KING HIRAM LODGE

King Hiram Lodge #21 has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

#### O.E.S. MEETING

St. Hilda Chapter #27 O.E.S. has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. call Kay Johnston at 335-4060.

#### GAMBLERS ANONYMOUS

Gamblers Anonymous (G.A.) starting Monday, January 22 from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Hospital Unit 4. For more information please call 335-8208.

#### SONS OF NORWAY

Sons of Norway meets the 4th Monday of every month at 8 p.m. at Evergreen Centre in Olds. All welcome. Call 556-2401 or 337-2037 for more information.

#### CASH BINGO

Didsbury Elks Cash Bingo every Tuesday. Doors open 6:00 p.m., Nickel Bingo at 6:45. Regular Bingo at 7:30 p.m. Didsbury Elks Hall.

#### LEARNING DISABILITIES

Learning Disabilities of Alberta, Mtn. View Chapter. Support and info for parents and teachers dealing with learning disabilities. For info call Susan at 335-3174.

**DIDSBURY PRESCHOOL**  
is now accepting registrations for 2004-2005 school year. This non-profit organization offers educational and social programming for children 3 to 5 years old. For information or to register your child, please call: Chemie 335-8818 or 335-8039.

#### DIDSBURY-DIAL-A-BUS

Scheduled transportation for anyone on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays 9 - 3. Please call day prior or by 8:00 a.m. for pick up. 507-0208. Wheelchair accessible. Sponsored by the Didsbury Lions Club.

#### INFORMATION

Mountain View La Leche League, a group which offers information and support for breastfeeding mothers. We also meet the 3rd Tuesday evenings of each month 10 a.m. Olds Scout Hall. Phone 337-3617 or 556-3807 for information.

#### HOME HELP ASSOCIATION

The Didsbury & District Senior Support Services co-ordinates assistance for seniors. Call 335-4391.

#### DIDSBURY MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

Provides free accessible mental health services. Which inc. assessments, individual family & group counselling & crisis intervention. Mon. to Fri. 8:30-4:00.

### OLDS

#### W.H.O.A.S

Wild Horses of Alberta Society. Help preserve these magnificent animals in their natural environment. Meetings are the first Tues. of every month at Olds Cow Palace, 8 p.m. Call Doreen at 556-6167 for more information.

### OLDS

#### MEETING

Adoption Support Group of Olds and area meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. For more information contact Susan at 335-3174.

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